Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Town of Great Barrington

Minutes of May 29, 2014 Great Barrington Fire Station

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Karen Smith.

Members present: Ed Abrahams, Thomas Blauvelt, Jessica Dezieck, Martha Fick, Suzanne Fowle, Kathleen Jackson, William Nappo, Deborah Salem, and Karen W. Smith. Also present: Town Planner Chris Rembold.

Administrative Business

Dezieck moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2014 public hearing. Fick seconded. All were in favor.

Community Preservation Plan

Smith directed Committee members to the amended plan that was distributed. The Committee reviewed the corrections and the changes made pursuant to several of the comments at the public hearing. After a brief discussion about the proposed changes, the Committee agreed to the changes.

Jackson asked whether there should be specific reference to the Energy and Climate section of the Master Plan, particularly for housing projects and town projects. The Committee discussed that since the plan included a general reference to the Master Plan, and since the affordable housing component of this Plan had a sentence about including green building materials and technologies to the extent possible, this issue was covered sufficiently.

Dezieck moved to approve the final plan. Fick seconded. All were in favor.

Reports from Committee Members

Salem announced the Housing Authority has a large waiting list, indicating a great need for affordable housing. Fowle said the Planning Board has three projects that may be of interest to committee members. One is a solar array that includes a significant open space conservation component, another is the historic preservation of the former St. James Church, and the last is the Fairgrounds redevelopment.

Next Meeting

The Committee decided to hold an information meeting on August 7 to review the CPA plan and application materials for those who may be interested in submitting applications in the fall.

Adjourn

Dezieck moved to adjourn, Salem seconded, all were in favor.

Materials presented or distributed for this meeting:

Minutes from May 15 public hearing

• Community Preservation Plan final revisions

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